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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

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1. WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND AND MOST OTHER MINISTERS AND THEIR CLOSEST ADVISERS NOW ON HOLIDAY IN GOOD NORWEGIAN SUMMER STYLE, IT IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN FIRM GUIDANCE ON VISIT BY DEPUTY SECRETARY AT DIFFERENT TIME THAN THAT PROPOSED EARLIER BY FRYDENLUND (REF. B). FORMIN'S SECRETARY GENERAL GJELLUM SHARES MY VIEW, HOWEVER, THAT VISIT WOULD STILL BE VERY USEFUL AND THAT FRYDENLUND WOULD CERTAINLY ARRANGE TO BREAK AWAY FROM MUNICIPAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN (VOTERS GO TO POLLS SEPTEMBER 14-15) TO MEET DEPUTY SECRETARY SOME TIME DURING VISIT. GJELLUM PLANS TO DISCUSS THE GENERAL PROGRAM OUTLINED BELOW WITH FRYDENLUND AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY AND WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH ME TO FIRM UP THE DETAILS.

2. ASSUMING DEPUTY SECRETARY ARRIVES LATE ON SEPTEMBER 10 OR EARLY ON 11TH, WE WOULD PROPOSED HE MEET FIRST WITH FRYDENLUND, (GJELLUM EXPECTS IT CAN BE ARRANGED), FOR GENERAL REVIEW OF FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. NEXT, HE SHOULD MEET FINANCE MINISTER KLEPPE WHO IS PERHAPS STRONGEST MINISTER IN CABINET, MEMBER OF IMF INTERIM COMMITTEE, VERY ACTIVE IN PROMOTING AID TO SOCIALISTS IN PORTUGAL AND EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT ALL ASPECTS OF NORWEGIAN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL LIFE. IF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY DECIDES NOT TO GO TO STAVANGER LATER, HE SHOULD PROBABLY MEET WITH

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STATOIL CHAIRMAN (AND DIRECTOR DEFENSE

RESEARCHINSTITUTE), FINN LIED FOR BRIEFING ON NORWAY'S BURGEONING OFFSHORE OIL INDUSTRY IN WHICH THERE IS ALSO CONSIDERABLE U.S. INVESTMENT. IF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY IS INTERESTED IN LAW OF THE SEA ISSUES, HE COULD MEET MINISTER JENS EVENSEN, WHO IS ONE OF THE LEADING AUTHORITIES ON THE SUBJECT. ALTERNATIVELY, WE WOULD SUGGEST VISIT TO DEFENSE MINISTER FOSTERVOLL, IF ONLY TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR HIS STALWART EFFORTS IN PUSHING THROUGH THE F-16 CONSORTIUM.

3. SOME PROBLEM OF SCHEDULING CAN BE RESOLVED BY SOCIAL EVENTS. SYG GJELLUM SAID NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WILL WISH TO HOST PROBABLY A LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 11 FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY. AMBASSADOR BYRNE, IN TURN, WILL CERTAINLY WISH TO HOST A DINNER THAT EVENING TO WHICH HE WILL HOPE INVITE MINISTERS LIKE INDUSTRY MINISTER ULVESETH AND COMMERCE MINISTER MAGJUSSEN ON WHOM THE DEPUTY SECRETARY COULD ALSO USEFULLY HAVE CALLED IF HE HAD MORE TIME. IF IT PROVES POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A CALL ON EITHER THE PRIME MINISTER OR HIS ANNOUNCED HEIR, ODVAR NORDLI, THIS WOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE, OF COURSE, OVER OTHER VISITS. UNFORTUNATELY, WITH THE LABOR PARTY PULLING OUT ALL STOPS TO PREVENT A SERIOUS SETBACK IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, THE PRIME MINISTER IS NOW EXPECTED TO BE OCCUPIED IN CAMPAIGNING AROUND THE COUNTRY ALONG WITH OTHER KEY FIGURES IN THE PARTY.

4. WHILE THE DEPUTY SECRETARY MAKES HIS OFFICIAL CALLS, MRS. INGERSOLL MAY WISH TO VISIT VARIOUS SIGHTS IN OSLO LIKE THE VIKING SHIPS, KONTIKI, FOLK MUSEUM AND MUNCH PICTURE GALLERY. IN THE AFTERNOON OF THE 11TH, MRS. INGERSOLL MIGHT LIKE TO DRIVE DOWN TO FREDERIKSTAD TO TOUR THE PLUS 4 HANDICRAFT INDUSTRIES. SHOULD THE DEPUTY SECRETARY DECIDE NOT TO VISIT THE WEST COAST ON THE 12TH, THEN WE WOULD PLAN VISITS TO VARIOUS PLANTS IN THE OSLO AREA (E.G. AKER SHIPYARDS WHERE OIL RIGS ARE BUILT, STANDARD TELEPHONE AND CABLE FABRIKK WHICH IS MAKING WORLD'S BIGGEST UNDER-WATER ELECTRICAL CABLE). ALTERNATIVELY, A VISIT TO THE KONGSBERG VAPENFABRIKK WHICH WILL BE THE MAJOR NORWEGIAN INDUSTRY INVOLVED IN CONSTRUCTING THE F-16 (A PLEASANT 90-MINUTE DRIVE FROM OSLO) COULD BE COMBINED WITH SIGHTSEEING.

5. A VISIT TO THE WEST COAST COULD BE EASILY ARRANGED ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE QUITE RUSHED UNLESS MORE TIME IS AVAILABLE. IF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEPUTY SECRETARY WISHED TO SEE NORWAY'S OIL INDUSTRY, HE SHOULD VISIT THE BOOM TOWN OF STAVANGER WHERE HE COULD MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF STATOIL AND THE OIL DIRECTORATE AND PERHAPS FLY OUT TO THE PHILIPPS EKOFISK FIELD. MRS. INGERSOLL COULD SPEND THE DAY VISITING THE BEAUTIFUL LYSEFJORD AND SHOPPING IN THE OLD PARTS OF STAVANGER.

6. WHILE BERGEN IS LESS INTERESTING INDUSTRIALLY, IT IS A MORE

PICTURESQUE AREA WITH A WIDER VARIETY OF SCENIC TRIPS TO TAKE OUT OF THE CITY. THE BIG AKER SHIPYARD IS WORTH A VISIT. TO APPRECIATE THE WEST COAST, DEPUTY SECRETARY AND MRS. INGERSOLL SHOULD REALLY TRY TO SPEND AN EXTRA DAY, PERMITTING THEM TO TAKE E.G. AN ALL-DAY FJORD TOUR OUT OF BERGEN. IF THE INGERSOLLS ARE PREPARED TO SPEND TWO FULL DAYS ON THE WEST COAST, THEY MIGHT ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER THE VERY SCENIC TRIP BY TRAIN FROM OSLO TO FLAM, LEAVING EARLY ON THE 13TH; THEY WOULD OVERNIGHT IN FLAM AND TAKE THE AFTERNOON BOAT TO BERGEN ON THE 13TH, LEAVING BERGEN EARLY SUNDAY. THIS WAY THEY WOULD SEE SPECTULAR MOUNTAIN LANDSCAPE AND THE VERY BEAUTIFUL SOGNEFJORD. THEY CAN LEAVE FROM BERGEN OR STAVANGER TO THE U.S. WITHOUT RETURNING VIA OSLO. PLANES LEAVE FOR LONDON AT 11:00 A.M. FROM STAVANGER AND 4:00 P.M. FROM BERGEN. THERE IS ALSO AN EARLY MORNING FLIGHT TO COPENHAGEN (8:40 A.M. FROM BERGEN, 9:40 A.M. FROM STAVANGER) WHICH CONNECTS WITH 12:30 P.M. FLIGHT TO NEW YORK.

7. BEFORE MAKING UP HIS MIND BETWEEN THESE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THIS MESSAGE WITH AMBASSADOR BYRNE, WHO MAY HAVE OTHER SUGGESTIONS.

8. POLITICAL COUNSELOR WILLIAM H. MANSFIELD WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER.
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